October 16, 1992

Paul Hepworth
Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc.
208 West 13th Street
New York, New York 10011

Re: Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley v. City Assessor of Rochester, New York

Dear Paul:

As promised, enclosed are the motion papers (but not the exhibits: too thick!) and brief that were recently filed in an action in Rochester, New York challenging the City Assessor's refusal to give the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley a property tax exemption for its Community Center.

I really appreciate all your help in signing the affidavit and sending me the documents I requested. As I hope you can tell from the papers, I made good use of them.

Unfortunately, we have been told that we could not have drawn a worse judge than Judge Siracuse for an issue like this. For this reason, we are trying to renew our political efforts to change the city's mind. Unfortunately, they have so far been unsuccessful.

I will keep you informed of the proceedings in Rochester. In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to give me a call. I will be out of town until Monday, October 26, 1992. You can write to me before then at the above address, you can leave a message on my home phone, (716) 256-0508, or you can call on the 26th at my day phone, (716) 454-6500.

Thanks again to you and Richard Burns for all your help. If we win (especially before Judge Siracuse!), it will be in no small part because of the LGCSC's information.

Take care.

Very truly yours,

Ellen

Ellen Yacknin
Plaintiff's Attorney

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